EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA



PROCLAMATION by the Governor of the State of California

I, CRUZ BUSTAMANTE, Lieutenant Governor and Acting Governor of the State of California, pursuant to Article V, section 10 of the California Constitution due to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's temporary absence from the state, find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist within the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, as a result of an earthquake that occurred on December 22, 2003, and continuing aftershocks. Upon the request of the Director of Emergency Services for the County of Santa Barbara who has declared a local disaster, and because the magnitude of this disaster exceeds the capabilities of the services, personnel, and facilities of the county, I find the County of Santa Barbara to be in a state of emergency, and under the authority of the California Emergency Services Act, set forth at Title 2, Division 1, Chapter 7 of the California Government Code, commencing with section 8550, I hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists within Santa Barbara County.

Pursuant to this proclamation, I hereby direct all agencies of the state government to utilize and employ state personnel, equipment and facilities for the performance of any and all activities to alleviate this emergency and, furthermore, direct the implementation of state disaster assistance programs in accordance with state law.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given to this proclamation.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this the thirty-first day of December 2003.

/s/ Cruz Bustamante

Lieutenant Governor and Acting Governor of California